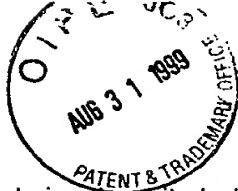


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Albrecht Mayer  
Application No. : 09/164,123  
Filed : September 30, 1998  
Title : Method for Assembling Integrated Circuits With Protection Of  
The Circuits Against Electrostatic Discharge, And Arrangement  
Of Integrated Circuits With Protection Against Electrostatic  
Discharge  
Examiner : S. Clark - Art Unit: 2815

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 20, 1999, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 1-11 for prosecution at this time. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of group I at a later date.

- In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-11 is solicited.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one (1) month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$110.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Herbert L. Lerner, No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted, 

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